Participation in Frankfurt Book Fair

2203. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India participated in Frankfurt Book Fair held recently;

(b) if so, the number of publications on display in the Fair;

(c) the extent of business transacted at the Fair; and

(d) the details of guidelines issued for participation in the fair in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 376 titles were displayed by the National Book Trust in English and major Indian languages. These included recent books in English, select children's books of 1989 and 1990 and award winning books of Indian languages. In addition, books were also displayed by 37 Indian publishers and book exporters of the private sector, at the stands allotted to them.

(c) Business worth about Rs. 90 lakhs was estimated to be transacted during the Fair. The value of contracts signed for translation/co-publication rights, printing jobs, etc. was about Rs. 45 lakhs.

(d) The Frankfurt Book Fair is an annual event in which Indian publishers and book exporters have been participating for many years. The participation by Indian parties is generally co-ordinated by the Chemical and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL) and National Book Trust. The following guidelines have been decided at a meeting convened by CAPEXIL recently :—

— Display the books in advance before the opening of the Book Fair;

— Display only the relevant books useful for the Export market;

— Maintain dignity and decorum;

— Stay throughout the duration of the Book Fair;

— Stands booked by member participants in their name should not be transferred to others.

Upgradation of NDMC Navyug Schools

2204. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NDMC Navyug Schools located in Laxmibai Nagar, Lodi Colony and Moti Bagh are being upgraded to the 12th Standard;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the children of these schools will be given automatic admission to Class IX of the Senior NDMC Navyug School located in Sarojini Nagar and Peshwa Road, New Delhi on passing their Eighth Standard examination; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements are being made to save the future of the students of these schools after passing 8th standard examination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by